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In re Application of:

Luc VARIN et al.

U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/019,931

Group Art Unit: 1638

Filed: May 10, 2002

Examiner: STUART F BAUM

For:

METHOD, COMPOSITIONS, AND GENETIC SEQUENCES FOR MODULATING FLOWERING

PLANTS, AND PLANTS GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO FLOWER EARLY AND TARDILY

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Small entity status of this application has been established.

Also attached:

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Respectfully submitted,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows: